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Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd

Minute board meeting 10:00 – 11: 17 a.m., 14 July 2010, Substitution Pty Ltd, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne

PRESENT: Niel Black (A/Chairman), David Dinning, Shirley Faram and David Griffiths (Secretary)
APOLOGY: Tony O'Shea and Dianne Batterham

1. Minutes

That the minute of the meeting of 20 May 2010 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

2. Business arising from the meeting of 20 May 2010

2.1 Co-operative Education

The following co-operative education initiatives were discussed:

Co-operative/Organisation	
CEHL	DG and SF are still attempting to contact John McInerney re a November 2010 workshop.
MECU	DD reported on discussion with MECU on participating in a College workshop in November 2010 and that MECU was positive about this possibility. DD is to meet with MECU.
Murray Goulburn	N.B. has written to the Chairman of MG.
HICO	N. B has discussed with HICO re their attendance at a CFV board meeting or CFV attendance at a HICO board meeting This is still to be resolved.
Genetics Australia	It was noted that N. B met with Genetics 20 May 2010 and that the Secretary had subsequently forwarded information on the Co-operative Identity Program. N.B. to follow –up.
SEHC	SF reported that it might be possible to get some SEHC directors to attend a November 2010 workshop.
Westgate	DG reported that Westgate may be interested in sending their directors to a November 2010 workshop.

ACTION: All

2.2 CAV

It was noted that there has been no meeting or contact with CAV since the last board meeting on 20 May 2010.

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It was agreed at the meeting on 20 March 2010 that letters would be sent to the Government and Opposition parties on the co-operative option.

It was agreed that the draft letter should (a) introduce CFV and seek support for (b) release of a list of registered co-operatives (c) a status of co-operatives profile (d) a joint Registry – CFV survey of co-operatives and (e) support for IYC 2012.

ACTION: Secretary and Directors

2. 3. Co-operatives Australia

It was noted that CA was revising the list of top 100 co-operatives, credit unions and mutuals. A copy of the interim new list was distributed to directors.

It was noted that Co-operatives WA was surveying member co-operatives and copies of the survey were distributed to directors. The survey would enable benchmarking of government practices and could be used to survey co-operatives in Victoria.

It was noted that there was a CA conference call on 31 May 2010 hosted by CFV.

ACTION: Secretary

2.4. Co-operatives National Law

It was noted that there was nothing to report.

ACTION: Secretary

2.5. International Year of Co-operatives

It was noted that a Co-operatives Australia IYC Working Party (James, Howard, Helen McCall and David Griffiths) met on the 2 June 2010.

It was noted that SBA has advised that the date for the next International Year of Co-operatives Steering Committee (IYC SC) meeting is 12.00 midday AEST 21 July 2010. This will be the inaugural meeting of the formalised committee and attendees should allocate a minimum of 1.5 hours to deal with all committee business. The meeting will confirm the final composition of the IYC SC, a timeline for activities, and the role and members of a Reference Group formed to advise the SC on specific aspects of planning for IYC. The proposed membership of the IYC SC is as follows:

It was also noted that a IYC 2012 page has been established on australia.coop:

<http://www.australia.coop/ca/news/26-australiaandtheinternationalyearofcooperatives>

ACTION: Secretary

2.6 Web Sites

Work undertaken on the web sites was noted:

australia.coop
education.victoria.coop
health.victoria.coop

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news.victoria.coop
victoria.coop
ACTION: Secretary

3. Financial Statements

The Treasurer David Dinning presented the financial statements.

That the Profit and Loss Statements Balance Sheet for 1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010 and 1 – 13 July 2010 be accepted.

ACTION: Treasurer

It was noted that the Secretary would write to the Registrar of Co-operatives requesting an audit exemption.

ACTION: Secretary

It was noted that reminders had been sent to the following co-operatives on 4 June 2010::

Co-operative Development Services
Footscray RHC
Geelong Radio Cabs
Green Valley
HICO
Murray Goulburn
Wautharong

It was noted that Co-operative Development Services had subsequently paid the annual subscription and that Footscray RHC had indicated to SEHC that it was not renewing its membership.

4. New Directors

It was agreed that the Treasurer would discuss with MECU the possibility of the co-operative nominating a director to the board.

ACTION: Treasurer

It was agreed that the Secretary would discuss with Capricorn the possibility of the co-operative nominating a director to the board.

ACTION: Secretary

5. Next Meeting

10: 30 a.m. 15 September 2010, Substitution Pty Ltd, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne

Prepared by David Griffiths: 14 July 2010
Approved by Chairman: 19 July 2010
Emailed to directors: 19 July 2010
Snail mailed to directors: 20 July 2010

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Future Meetings:

10: 30 a.m. 15 September 2010, Substitution Pty Ltd, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne

10: 30 a.m. 17 November 2010, Urban Camp Melbourne Co-operative, Brens Drive, Parkville

AGM: 12:00 Midday 17 November 2010, Urban Camp Melbourne Co-operative, Brens Drive, Parkville